Top level vacancies in Banks

1581. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 347, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th March, 1985 and state:

(a) what is the number of posts of Chairmen, Managing Directors and Chief Executives which been filled up on the nationalised banks after March 19, 1986;

(b) what is the number of posts of Chairmen, Managing Directors and Chief Executives of nationalised banks which are still lying vacant;

(c) what are the reasons for not filling up these posts so far; and

(d) by when these posts are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI) : (a) After 19.3.1985, Chairmen and Managing Directors have been appointed|reappointed in 10 public sector banks.

(b) As on date no post of Chairman and Managing Director in any of the nationalised banks is vacant.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Branches of banks in the country

1582. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of branches of the nationalised banks in the country till December, 1985;

(b) what is the total amount of money advances by way of loans to persons who have set up factories; and to unemployed graduates during the year 1984-85 and during the current year till January, 1986; and

(c) what is the total amount of loans sanctioned till January, 1986?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) As per the information available with Reserve Bank of India the total number of branches of Public Sector Banks and Regional Rural Banks was 47,578, as on 30.9.1985.

(b) and (c) Presumably the Hon'ble Member is referring to the Scheme of Self-Employment of the Educated Unemployed Youths introduced in the year 1983-84. If so, under this Scheme the banks had sanctioned loans amounting to Rs.401.54 crores during the year 1983-84 and Rs. 429.53 crores during the year 1984-85. As per the information available from 280 District Industries Centres (DICs) during the year 1985-86, loans amounting to Rs. 20.73 crores had been sanctioned upto 31st December, 1985.

Purchase of Cotton by the Cotton Corporation of India

1583. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has received any complaints to the effect that cotton is being purchased by the agencies of the Cotton Corporation of India from traders and thus causing damage to the interest of farmers;

(b) whether it is within Government's knowledge that the traders buy cotton from the farmers at much lower prices compared to the price-support level and corner huge profits;

(c) what steps Government propose to take to counteract traders joining hands with CCI agencies against famers' interest;

(d) what is the quantity of cotton of different varieties purchased by the Cotton Corporation of India in the current season from the farmers out of the total estimated cotton corp; and

(e) what are the details of the prices paid to the farmers for the different varieties of cotton and the quantity purchased from various States including Gujarat

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) to (c) It is the policy of the Cotton Corporation of India to effect purchases by participating in the open auction held in all the Mandis under the supervision of Agricultural Produce Marketing Committee. Thus, the Corporation effect purchases directly from the growers and not from the traders. The Cotton Corporation also purchase kapas pooled by the Societies from their grower members. However, at places where regulated markets are not functioning, procedure and norms have been prescribed to ensure that kapas are directly purchased from the farmers.

(d) and (e) The total cotton crop during the current cotton seasons is estimated at 94 lakh bales. A total quantity of 8,84,342 bales of cotton has been purchased by the Cotton Corporation of India from various cotton producing States including Gujarat during the current cotton season upto 25th February, 1986. The prices paid by the Cotton Corporation of India for the different varieties of cotton during the current season varied between Rs. 360 to Rs. 700 par quintal depending on the variety and quantity of Kapas.

Economic agreement with Canada

1584. SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any economic agreement has been signed between India and Canada:

(b) what is the amount of financial aid that would be provided to India by Canada under this agreement; and

(c) what are the items on the purchase of which, the aid provided by Canada will be utilised by India and what shall be the terms and conditions in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) No new economic agreement has been signed with Canada in 1985-86. Two Protocols were, however, signed on 18-12-1985. In terms of the first Protocol, Canada has agreed to provide a Line of Credit of C $ 198 million for financing the purchase from Canada of goods and services related to Oil & Gas expoloration and development. In terms of the second Protocol, Canada has agreed to provide a grant of C $ 5 million for financing the cost of training of Indian personnel in Canada as well as in India in certain technical fields. Both these Protocols are to be translated into formal agreement.

बाहरी देशों द्वारा मारुति कारों की खरीद

1585. **श्री रामचन्द्र विकल :** क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कुछ बाहरी देशों ने मारुति कारों की खरीद के बारे में मारुति कंपनी से पूछताछ की है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उन देशों के नाम क्या हैं ; और

(ग) क्या मारुति कारों के निर्यात की अनुमति देने के संबंध में भारत सरकार ने कोई निर्णय लिया है ?

वाणिज्य और खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्री (श्री पी० शिव शंकर) : (क) तथा (ख) मारुति कम्पनी हंगरी, चेकोस्लोवाकिया, जर्मन लोकतंत्रीय गणराज्य, बंगलादेश, नेपाल तथा मारिशस को अपनी गाडियां बेचने के प्रयास कर रही है।

(ग) अगर संविदाएं सफलतापूर्वक सम्पन्न हो जाती हैं तो यह कम्पनी गाड़ियों का निर्यात करेगी।

Irregularities committed by the officials of the Hindustan Vegetable Oil Corporation

1586. SHRI D. HEERACHAND: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1100 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd August, 1985 and state:

(a) whether the inquiry into the irregularities committed in Government owned Hindustan Vegetable Oils Corporation has since been completed; and